



OFCA NEWS

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Newsletter of the Old Felixstowe Community Association

The Community Centre, Ferry Road, Felixstowe, IP11 9NB

Registered Charity No. 1163286

Update from the Chair

I hope this newsletter finds you well. When I began writing this newsletter article it was decidedly gloomy outside but as I write today, we are experiencing a heatwave!!

It has been an extremely busy time for the Management Committee and as many of you will have seen the kitchen has been completed. My thanks go to our small Committee of Jacky Fairweather, Liz Sampson and Angela Pratt for their hard work in the planning of the kitchen and overseeing the project. Cotterell Carpentry carried out the work and my thanks go to Paul for a seamless installation. Paul also organised all the other trades so it made for a stress-free project.

Planning permission to remove the spire from the Jane Bolton Lounge was granted by East Suffolk Council and work on the roof began ahead of schedule. Like any major project there has been some unexpected expenditure on the flat roofs but the work is essential. Following consultation with the Trustees the extra finance was made available. At the time of writing the work is still ongoing and I apologise to any hirers who have been disturbed by noise during the works.

The Summer Fair is being held on Saturday 13th June from 10am until midday. The stalls are run by our affiliated organisations and all profits come to the Association so a really worthwhile fundraiser. Please come along and raise money so that we can continue to improve facilities at the Centre.

As many more houses are being built in Felixstowe, lots of new people are moving into the area and may like to visit the Community Centre. If you would like to advertise your group/organisation in our newsletter and on our website please email a short description of the activity, time and cost and send it to dave.songhurst@gmail.com.

Celia Page

Summer Fair

The annual Summer Fair will be on Saturday June 13th, and will include judging of the infants and juniors colouring competition (design a sports kit or beach towel - templates available at the Community Centre or via school newsletters).



Community Centre Kitchen

Our newly refurbished kitchen was officially 'opened' by Felixstowe Mayor Corinne Franklin at the April Community Market.





Martello Ladies

In April Sean Hedges Quinn who is a British sculptor, animator, film model and prop-maker gave us a very interesting talk. He was born in Ipswich and works from a studio in Great Bricett near Ipswich. He has had a varied career including working on films such as "Lost in Space" and "The Phantom of the Opera" and being commissioned to produce statues such as Sir Bobby Robson, Sir Alf Ramsey and Kevin Beattie.

In May we went on our annual "Mystery Trip". This time we headed to Woolpit and the "Yum Yum Tree Fudge Factory". They were only able to accommodate half of our group at a time so half headed off to the lovely "Tea Cups Tea Rooms" where they were able to purchase refreshments including a slice of their delicious gateaux. The other half had a tour of the Fudge Factory and were shown the various stages and equipment involved. They were then treated to a sampling session of all the various fudges. The groups then swapped over. This was followed by lunch at "The Shepherd and Dog Pub", a traditional country pub.



Our meeting in June is a social evening and promises to be a fun evening. In July our meeting is entitled "Magic of the Musicals". Interested? Then why not join us. We are a friendly group who meet at the Centre on the first Thursday of the month at 7.30 and visitors are always welcome.

Rosey Freeman

Come and meet us in the Jane Bolton Lounge for tea, coffee and good company.
Thursday mornings
10am – 12 noon.
We'd love to welcome you.




The Hope Trust
Charity number 1159866
Tel: 01394 272592

Felixstowe Morning WI

Felixstowe Morning WI had two interesting meetings in April and May. Sonia Collins treated us to a fascinating talk and demonstration of the beauty of traditional belly dancing. It was not what we might have expected and some of us even had a go! May's speaker had to postpone due to illness and we were delighted to be joined by the lovely Ann Reeder, a milliner from Ipswich who gave a fascinating history of headwear and showed us how hats are made... and all at very short notice. We are all looking forward to our group meeting in June and to OFCA's Summer Fair.



Linda Page, committee member



FLORIST
garden
FELIXSTOWE GARDEN CLUB

FLOWER & PRODUCE ANNUAL SHOW

SATURDAY 27TH JUNE
OLD FELIXSTOWE COMMUNITY CENTRE
IP11 9NB

FREE ENTRY!

VIEW EXHIBITS 11:30am - 4:00pm	GRAND DRAW 11:30am - 4:00pm
PLANT SALE KATIES GARDEN 10:30am - 4:00pm	HOMEMADE REFRESHMENTS 10:30am - 4:00pm

07526 216667 The Felixstowe Garden Club

ALL GARDENING – ALL SORTED

- Grass cutting, shrubs, hedges & bushes pruned
- General garden maintenance – lawns scarified
- Drought-damaged lawns re-seeded
- Garden sheds and summer houses re-roofed (wood & roofing felt) and repaired
- Small landscape projects – log roll edging installed – lawn & path edging replaced
- Weed control material with shingle / slate covering

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Brackenbury WI

We've enjoyed a busy few weeks.

John Hammond gave an excellent talk on his involvement with the St Elizabeth Hospice retail centre in Martlesham. He has volunteered there since its inception and shared lots of interesting information and stories.

The Ukulele Band of Felixstowe treated us to a wonderful musical evening.

We met for chatty coffee mornings at The Spa Pavilion and lunched at Bencotto and Loca. We also managed to "walk&talk" to the Ferry and the View Point Cafe, not on the same day!

Please come and say hello at the June Community Market when we will be selling drinks and homemade cakes in The Jane Bolton Lounge. We are looking forward to meeting you.

Yvonne Barclay

Visit OFCA's website at <https://www.oldfelixstoweca.org.uk/> for information on Community Centre room hire, activities available at the Centre, and Community Association contact details.

We welcome contributions to the Newsletter from community groups who use the Centre, and news and events items relevant to Old Felixstowe. The next Newsletter will be sent out on 1st August, please send any contributions to Dave Songhurst by July 23rd.